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A Letter to the States General from their Field Deputies.

High and Mighty Lords,

WE had the Honour to acquaint your High Mightineſſes, that the confederate Army would decamp the next Day from Borchloen, to march directly towards the Enemy who at that Time as we were inform'd were come and encamp'd between Tirlemont and Judoigne. We were of Opinion their Army would not ſtand ours, but they made one March towards us, and poſted themſelves very advantagiouſly between Ramley and Pouwis. On Sunday Morning we diſcover'd the Enemy, and the confederate Army being drawn up in Battalia about 1 a Clock, began to attack them, which was done with ſo much Courage and good Order, that about half an Hour paſt 3 the Enemy began to give Ground, and ſoon after were put to a total Rout. The Glory the confederate Army acquir'd is ſo much the greater, for that the Enemy were poſted very advantagiouſly, and as the Priſoners report were 76 Battallions and 140 Squadrons ſtrong, the Troops of the King of France's Houſhold included; ſo that their Army was ſuperior to that of the Allies. The Fight laſted two Hours and an Half, with extraordinary Fury; and our Troops endur'd a terrible Fire, but by their Bravery and good Order, ſurmounted all, and gain'd a very great and glorious Victory. My Lord Duke of Marlborough, by his wiſe and laudable Conduct, and by his great and eminent Courage, and alſo the Field-Marſhal, animated the other Generals and Officers of the Army, who all without Exception, of what Nation ſoever, attack'd the Enemy with the utmoſt Bravery and Unanimity; and thereby, under God, to whom the higheſt Praiſes are due, obtain'd this great Victory. Great Part of the Enemy's Cannon is taken: Several Generals and Officers of Note are Priſoners, among them a Lieutenant-General, 2 Majors-General, the Son of the Marſhal de Tallard, M. de Montmorency, and many other Officers and Soldiers whoſe Names are not yet known to us. One Regiment of Dragoons took 16 or 17 Colours and Standards, and many more were taken beſides. Great Part of their Baggage was likewiſe taken at Judoigne. On our Side, the young Prince of Heſſe, Collonel, and M. Benting, were kill'd in the Battle, after having given ſignal Proofs of their Valour: We ſhall take the firſt Opportunity to ſend your High Mightineſſes a perfect Liſt, and other Particulars. Notwithſtanding the confederate Army had endur'd ſo hard a Fire and ſo much Toil, they purſued the flying Enemy till 10 a Clock laſt Night, when they encamp'd on the Field, and at 2 this Morning began to march agen: We are now come to Doornick and Beurcom, and ſhall proceed forwards after the Enemy.

We congratulate your High Mightineſſes on this great and glorious Victory, and beſeech Almighty God, to bleſs your Arms with further Succeſs, and keep your High Mightineſſes under his holy Protection. We are, &c.

Sign'd,
Ferdinand van Collen.
Fr. Baron van Reede
Lord of Renſwoude,
H. van Goſlinga.

A Letter to the States General from the Duke of Marlborough.

High and Mighty Lords.

MOnſieur d' Auverquerque having ſent M. de Waſſenaer, to inform your High Mightineſſes of the Victory which God was graciouſly pleas'd to give us over the Enemy on Sunday laſt, I deferr'd my Congratulations till to day, that I might be able at the ſame Time to acquaint your High Mightineſſes with the Succeſs of our Deſign to paſs the Dyle, which we had determin'd to attempt this Morning; but the Enemy have thought fit to ſpare us that Trouble, having left us an open Field, by their Retreat towards Bruſſels; ſo that with double Joy I have the Honour to write this Letter to your High Mightineſſes from Louvain, where for the Good of the common Cauſe I had long wiſh'd to be.

'Tis certain all the Generals, Officers and Soldiers, did all that was poſſible for Men to do on this glorious Occaſion; and their Conduct and Bravery cannot be ſufficiently extoll'd: I make no Doubt Your High Mightineſſes Deputies and Monſieur d' Auverquerque have given this juſt Honour to your own Troops, and that your High Mightineſſes will ſeek Occaſions to acknowledge and reward the Merit of ſo many brave Men.

I have choſen Collonel Chanclos, to carry this acceptable News to your High Mightineſſes, as well for his Merit the laſt Campaign, as for the Service he has now done the State: He will inform your High Mightineſſes from Point to Point of all that has paſs'd, and of the preſent Condition of the Enemy, whom we are reſolv'd to follow; taking the utmoſt Pleaſure, by giving Proofs of inviolable Regard for your High Mightineſſes Intereſts, to ſatisfy you that I am with very much Reſpect,

Your High Mightineſſes moſt humble
Louvain and obedient Servant.
May 25. 1706. Sign'd
The Prince and Duke of Marlborough.

A Letter to the States General from Monſieur d' Auverquerque.

High and Mighty Lords.

My Lords,

ON Whit-Sunday the 23d Inſtant, God Almighty was pleas'd to favour the Arms of the State and of its Allies with a compleat Victory over the Enemy; for which Praiſe and Thanks are due to his often experienc'd Goodneſs. I had the Honour to ſend M. de Waſſenaar to your High Mightineſſes, humbly to congratulate you upon this great Victory, and give you a particular Account of the Action. We uſe all poſſible Diligence to proſecute vigorouſly this eminent Advantage to the common Cauſe. This Morning we paſs'd the Dyle, and encamp'd with Louvain in our Rear. On our Approach the Enemy retir'd, and are at preſent encamp'd on the other ſide of the Canal of Bruſſels near Grimberg. I muſt give your High Mightineſſes my Teſtimony of the Valour and Faithfulneſs of your Troops, and of your Generals and Subaltern Officers, as they well deſerve: They had truly a great ſhare in the winning of this Victory. The Engliſh and Auxiliary Troops, acquitted themſelves with no leſs Honour and Bravery. My Lord Duke of Marlborough, has acted like himſelf, by doing all that could be expected of a great Captain. The Enemy have ſuffer'd very great Loſs: Abundance of them were kill'd, but I cannot yet ſend your High Mightineſſes the exact Number: They ſav'd but 2 or 3 of their Cannon, the reſt, being full 50 Pieces, fell into our Hands. We likewiſe took at leaſt 60 Colours or Standards; and made 200 of their Officers Priſoners, beſides what were taken by the Engliſh. I have ſet at Liberty thoſe Officers that we took, on their Parole to return in 3 Months, becauſe many of them were wounded, and ſome of them, by the Chance of War, had been ſtripp'd of their Cloaths. Of common Priſoners we have at leaſt 3000, which I have

have ſent by the Way of Liege to Maeſtricht, to be diſtributed into ſeveral Places. We have loſt ſeveral Officers of Diſtinction, particularly *Prince Lewis* of Heſſe, Collonel of Foot. I ſhall cauſe a perfect Liſt to be made out of the Officers and Soldiers we had kill'd or wounded in this Action, and ſend it to your High Mightineſſes. I hope and pray, that God will continue his Bleſſings on the Arms of the State and its Allies, till the wiſh'd for End be attain'd. I am of Opinion, that the Army ought now to be reinforc'd and made as ſtrong as is poſſible, that we may maintain our Advantages, and improve them; and that for this purpoſe fit Troops ſhould be drawn out of the Garriſons, ſeeing they are at preſent in no manner of Danger, and that the Enemy exert their utmoſt Efforts to ſtrengthen themſelves. The Marſhal de Marſin will in a Day or two joyn them with a great Detachment. I remain with much Reſpect,

High and Mighty Lords

Your High and Mightineſſes moſt humble and moſt obedient Servant,

Sign'd,

Auverquerque

From the Camp near Louvain, May, 25. 1706.

From the Camp at Grimberg, May 27. On *Monday* the 24th Inſtant, my Lord Duke of Marlborough having order'd the Army to encamp at Bavechien for the Refreſhment of the Troops, and made a Diſpoſition for their March the next Morning by break of Day, in Order to force the Paſſage of the Dyle, receiv'd Advice in the Night that the Enemy had quitted their Camp and abandon'd Louvain, and were retir'd towards Bruſſels. Whereupon the Bridges being laid over the Dyle near Louvain, we put a Detachment of 500 *Men* into that Place, and the whole Army paſs'd over the next Day about Noon, and took the Camp of Bethlem, from whence we continued our March early Yeſterday *Morning* towards Bruſſels: *My* Lord Duke had ſoon Notice that the Enemy had likewiſe quitted that Place and Mechlen, and were retir'd towards Aloſt.

About 10 a Clock the Marquis of Deinſe Governour of the City of Bruſſels, ſent a Letter to my Lord Duke, intimating that the Eſtates of Brabant were deſirous to wait on his Grace at the Time he ſhould appoint: Upon which his Grace ſent them a Compliment by Collonel Panton in his own and the Field Deputies Names, letting them know he ſhould be glad to ſee them at Four a Clock in the Afternoon: At which Hour came a Deputation from the ſaid Eſtates of Brabant, another from the Soveraign Council, and a third from the Magiſtrates of the City: They all expreſs'd great Satisfaction at our happy Succeſs, and Arrival in their Neighbourhood. His Grace writ Letters to thoſe Three Bodies, to invite them to conſider their own Intereſt, and to own their Lawful Sovereign King Charles the Third. They were to Aſſemble in order to it to Day, and in the Evening the *Magiſtrates* of *Mechlen* came likewiſe to Compliment his Grace and to make their Submiſſion.

This Morning the Army continued their March from Dighem Camp, and having paſs'd the Canal of Bruſſels, came and Encamp'd at this Place.

My Lord Duke has ſent General Churchill, with Four Battallions, and Two Squadrons of Horſe, to Command in Bruſſels.

The Retreat of the Enemy in ſuch Conſternation, together with the great Number of Officers and Soldiers who have been ſince diſcover'd to be Priſoners among our Troops, and Wounded in the Places through which we March'd, with their abandoning the whole Country, makes their Loſs much greater than it was at firſt thought to be.

By our haſty Purſuit of the Enemy, they were oblig'd to leave a great many Wounded Officers at Bruſſels, among others, the Count de Horne Lieutenant General, and the Earl of Clare Major General; the latter Dy'd Yeſterday of his Wounds.

This Evening the Deputation from Bruſſels that came to the Camp Yeſterday, return'd and brought his Grace three ſeveral Inſtruments in due Form, one from the Three Eſtates, the other from the Soveraign Council, and the Third fromthe City, owning King Charles to be their Lawful Soveraign, repeating likewiſe in the moſt reſpectful manner, the great Sence they have of Her Majeſty's Goodneſs, in relieving them by Her Victorious Arms, from the Oppreſſions they have ſo long Labour'd under by the French Government. They likewiſe made their Acknowledgments to His Grace, and there ſeems to be an Univerſal Joy among all Sorts of People.

Hague, May 28. The Enemy abandoning Louvain, on the approach of the Army of the Allies to paſs the Dyle; left behind them very large Magazines of Corn, Forrage, and Ammunition; They likewiſe left many of their wounded there, with an Hoſpital very well furniſh'd. The French having alſo quitted Bruſſels, on our Army's advancing that Way, the People burnt the Duke of Anjou's Picture. The Enemy's Army have poſted themſelves near Aloſt behind the River Dender. The Duke of Marlborough having paſs'd the Canal of Bruſſels, was at Aſch the 27th, being wholly bent on purſuing the Enemy, who are in the greateſt Conſternation. Orders are ſent to 15 Battallions and ſeveral Squadrons of our Garriſons, to march out and reinforce our Army in Brabant or in Flanders, and General Fagel ſet out to Night for the latter; a great Number of Barks and Boats are order'd to be hir'd, and their Rendezvous is appointed at Dort.

From the Amſterdam Courant, dated May 29.

Antwerp, May 27. Louvain, Bruſſels, Mechlen, and Lier, have open'd their Gates to the victorious Confederates. Yeſterday about 12000 Men came into this City, among them the Garriſons of Lier and Mechlen; and more are expected: We are in Apprehenſion of a deſtructive Siege, for the French give out they will defend this Place and Ghent to the laſt Extremity; ſo that we are in an unſpeakable Conſternation. In the Battle, the Troops of the King's Houſhold, the Swiſs and Alſatian Regiments, the Horſe of Toulouſe, and others of the beſt Troops, ſuffer'd moſt: And thoſe who ſaw the Army before the Action, ſay there never was before ſo fine a French Army in theſe Parts.

London, May 22.

Yeſterday morning Captain Pitt, Aide de Camp to the Duke of Marlborough, arriv'd from Brabant. He came from the Camp at Grimberg on Friday laſt, and reports that at his coming away the Magiſtrates of Lier had ſent a Deputation to my Lord Duke, to make their Submiſſion and deſire his Grace's Protection. That the City of Antwerp had likewiſe declar'd for King Charles III, the French having quitted that Place at 3 a Clock that Afternoon: And that in a Word all Brabant was intirely reduc'd under his Catholick *Majeſty's* Obedience: The French were retir'd to Gavet beyond Ghent, not above 23000 ſtrong, and thoſe not half of them arm'd, having thrown down their Arms in their Flight.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, to Morrow being Thurſday, the 23d of May, will be preſented an Opera, call'd, Camilla, by Subſcription. All ſung after the Italian manner. None to be admitted into the Boxes or Pit but by the Subſcribers Tickets, which are to be deliver'd out at Mr. White's Chocolate-Houſe in St. James's-Street. Being the laſt time of performing the ſaid Opera this Seaſon.

An Entertainment by Mr. *CLINCH* of *BARNET*, who imitates the Flute, Double Curtell, the Organ with 3 Voices, the Horn, Huntſman and Pack of Hounds, the Sham Doctor, the Old Woman, the Drunken Man, the Bells: All Inſtruments are perform'd by his natural Voice. To be ſeen this preſent Evening, at 7 a Clock at the Roſe Tavern in the Poultry. Price 1 s.

For Sale by the Candle at the Marine Coffee-Houſe in Birchin-Lane, on Friday the 24th Inſtant, 102 Hogſheads of Fine ſtrong Bomas and high Priniack French Wines, lately ſeiz'd in the Port of London, and lying at Cox-Key, and there to be deliver'd free of all manner of Duties. Catalogues may be had at the ſaid Coffee-Houſe and Key, where Attendance will be given for the Buyers to View and Taſte the Wine till the time of Sale.

Whereas there was intended a Sale by Auction of Books, Prints and Paintings at the Cock-Pit on Caſtle-Hill in Windſor, to begin on Monday laſt, and an Advertiſement in the Poſtman yeſterday, for the continuance thereof. Theſe are therefore to give notice, that the ſaid Auction did not begin on Monday laſt, but was then Adjourn'd to Thurſday the 30th of this Inſtant May, and will then begin, at the Place and Hour mention'd in the Catalogues, which will be given at the Coffee-Houſes in Windſor, at the St. Chriſtophers in Eaton, and at the Place of Sale, two days before the Sale, and at the ſame time the Books, &c. may be view'd.

An Exact Plan of the Battle at Rammelies, as brought over by Captain Pit, will in few days be publiſh'd by Jemet Round Bookſeller at Seneca's-Head, Exchange-Alley.

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